



Organic Advisory Council Meeting on March 18

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MADISON – The next quarterly meeting of the Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council will be on Monday, March 18 at the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison. The meeting will begin at 9:45 a.m. and expects to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council brings together public and private resources to advise government agencies on organic issues and support organic production, processing and purchasing opportunities in the state. The public is welcome to attend the Council’s quarterly meetings.

The March meeting will open with recommendations from the nomination committee for the four open seats on the Council. The Council has twelve members, and each year four of the three-year terms expire.

Steve Ingham, DATCP’s Food Safety Division Administrator, will make a presentation to the Council on the Food Safety Modernization Act. Following this presentation, Council members will discuss updates on their 2013 priorities.

During new business, Dr. Paul Mitchell from the University of Wisconsin-Madison will discuss the implications of the report released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency on the crop insurance program for organic farmers. The report is available at <http://www.usda.gov/oig/webdocs/05601-0006-KC.pdf>.

The meeting will conclude with old business and agency reports. For a meeting agenda, directions or other information, please contact Laura Paine, DATCP’s Organic Agriculture Specialist, at 608-224-5120 or laura.paine@wi.gov.

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